

Jury finds Port Orchard man guilty of human trafficking in historic first trial

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PORT ORCHARD — Kitsap County prosecutors got their first victory in a human trafficking trial Tuesday after a jury returned guilty verdicts against a Port Orchard man for beating, prostituting and controlling a young woman.

A lawyer for Anthony Dewayne Parker, 34, had argued the woman “had free will,” but jurors took just four hours following a more than two-week trial to convict him of 11 crimes, including kidnapping, burglary, promoting prostitution and multiple counts of assault.

Prosecutors said Parker was a self-proclaimed pimp who dominated the woman’s life as he groomed her to be a prostitute, advertising her services on the Internet.

The case followed an extensive investigation by the Bremerton Police Department’s Special Operations Group.

Parker will face at least 25 years in prison when sentenced Jan. 13 in Kitsap County Superior Court.

